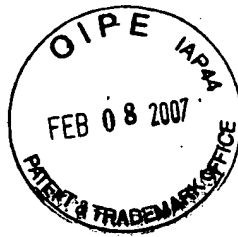


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**AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action made final and mailed on the date of October 5, 2006. Applicants submit this Amendment herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and filed concurrently with Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the following remarks and arguments provided herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe the Amendment provided herewith defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. This Amendment does not introduce matter requiring an additional search on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and

withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page three (3) of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments that begin on page five (5) of this paper.